Refund and Payment Information

Taxpayers who file electronically may choose to pay the balance due by direct debit. This option eliminates the problem of lost mail, may eliminate penalties for late payments and postage costs.

Pay with Direct Debit

Taxpayers can pay their balances due via Electronic Funds Withdrawal when they electronically file their tax returns. Electronic Funds Withdrawal, or direct debit, deducts the amount indicated on the return from the taxpayer's bank account on the date the taxpayer chooses. This free service is offered exclusively to taxpayers who file electronically.

A taxpayer who selects the direct debit payment option will be prompted to enter their bank routing number, account number, and the date they wish to have the funds withdrawn, up until April 15, 2004. After April 15, 2004, taxpayers who select direct debit will have their balances due debited from their bank accounts on the date the return is electronically filed.

Direct debit payments are processed based on the amount taxpayers authorized when they initially filed their returns. If a return is amended or adjusted, the taxpayer will be notified regarding a refund or additional amount owed.

Arizona taxpayers who choose not to pay their balance due by electronic funds withdrawal can send in a check or money order with form <u>AZ-140V Payment Voucher for Electronic Filing</u>. Your tax professional or the software program used to file your return from home will instruct the taxpayer on how to submit this form. The payment voucher is printed directly from the software once the return has been completed.

Choose Direct Deposit

All Arizona taxpayers who are expecting a refund can avoid the uncertainty of "the check is in the mail" and save a trip to the bank by electing to have their Arizona income tax refund deposited directly into their checking or savings accounts. The refund from an original filing can be deposited electronically. Amended returns for the same tax year will generate paper refund checks.

Taxpayers who file electronically and select direct deposit will usually have the money in the bank in as little as 5 days! Refunds can be deposited directly into a bank account of any U.S. depository institution.